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CHAPTER 3

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CHI (CHIRP)
CHI
CHI
CHUN (TWEET)
OH, OF COURSE!
SU (SHUF)
KOYUKI, CAN I HAVE MORE TEA?
SFX. KOPOPO (POUR)
U-FU-FU! THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THE TEA YOU MAKE IS REALLY GOOD.
PASASA (FLUTTER)

BAAAAN
(TA-DAAA)
TA
(SHUF)
BAAAAN
BAAAAN
BAAAAN
BA
(VWIP)
!?
HUH!? UM!?
AHH, SUCH GOOD TEA...
YOU'RE IGNORING THAT!!?
ZU
(SLURP)
ZU

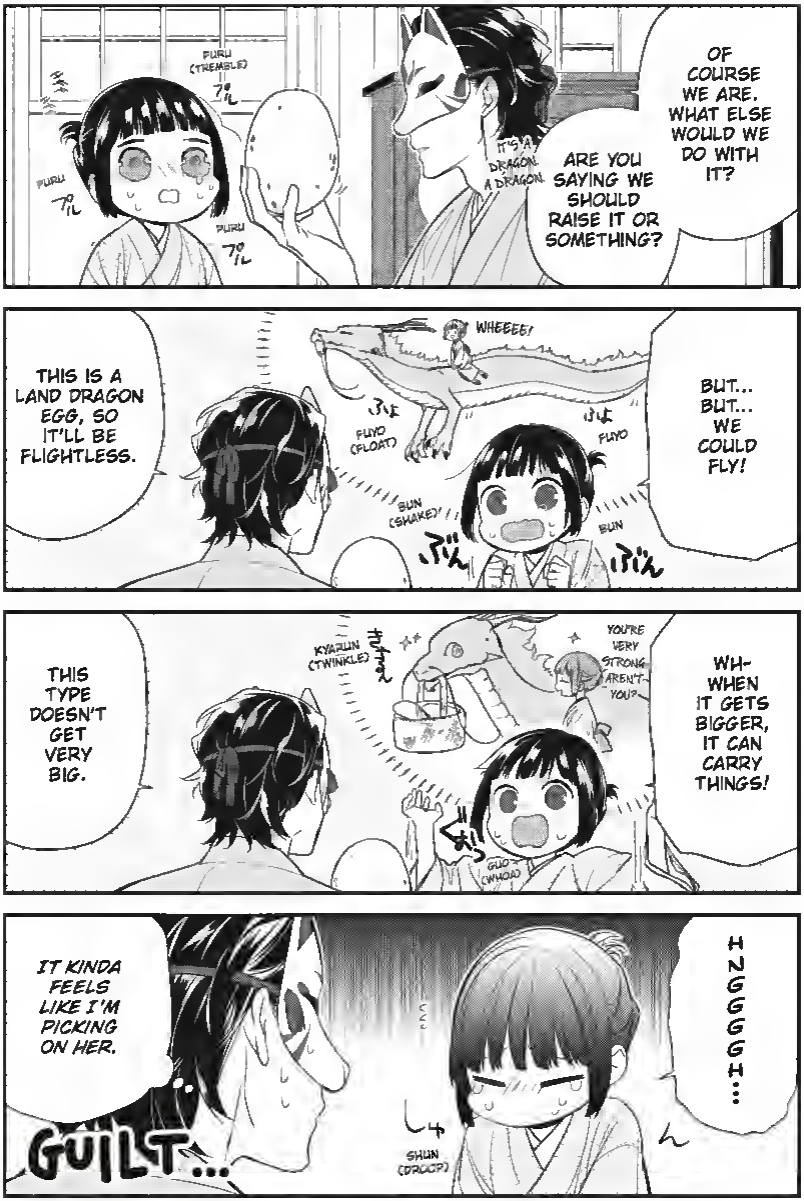
NO NO NO

Chapter 3

IT'S A STORK, NOT A CRANE.
A WHITE STORK, TECHNICALLY
HI THERE LITTLE LADY
WHY WOULD A CRANE BE...?
OH! AREN'T STORKS THE ONES ...
PACKAGE FOR YOU!
... THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BRING CHILDREN TO MARRIED COU...
はっ
HA (GASP)
NO. YOU HAD THE FACTS OF LIFE RIGHT THE FIRST TIME.
AWA (PANIC)
あわ
AWA
あわ
...
I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WAS JUST A SUPERSTITION!
WH-WHAT SHOULD WE DO!?
あわ
AWA

IT'S A PARCEL FROM MY TEACHER...
...WHO HAS A STORK Ffamiliar.
HERE, TAKE IT
YOUR TEACHER ...?
I TRAINED IN THE WESTERN WORLD FOR A WHILE, STARTING WHEN I WAS FIFTEEN.
THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK
THIS PERSON HELPED ME OUT THEN.
BASA (FLAP)
BASA
HIS TEACHER ...
TEACHER'S DEFINITELY ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS.
WHEN I THINK BACK TO THAT TIME, EVEN NOW...
...I STILL WANNA BREAK THAT NECK.
GO (THUMP)
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED ...

IT'S... AN EGG AND A LETTER, HM?
A DRAGON !?
IT SAYS, "I PICKED UP A DRAGON EGG, SO I'M SENDING IT AS A WEDDING PRESENT."
THEN, WHEN IT GETS BIGGER, WILL IT BE LIKE THAT DRAGON...?
OOOH
HUH!?
WE'RE EATING IT!!?
HM
GAN (SHOCK)
I GUESS WE'RE HAVING EGGS FOR DINNER, THEN.


PURU (TREMBLE)
PURU
PURU
IT'S A DRAGON. A DRAGON.
ARE YOU SAYING WE SHOULD RAISE IT OR SOMETHING?
OF COURSE WE ARE. WHAT ELSE WOULD WE DO WITH IT?
WHEEEE!
FUYO (FLOAT)
FUYO
BUN (SHAKE)
BUN
THIS IS A LAND DRAGON EGG, SO IT'LL BE FLIGHTLESS.
BUT... BUT... WE COULD FLY!
KYAZUN (TWINKLE)
YOU'RE VERY STRONG, AREN'T YOU?
GUO~ (WHOA)
THIS TYPE DOESN'T GET VERY BIG.
WH-WHEN IT GETS BIGGER, IT CAN CARRY THINGS!
SHUN (DROOP)
HNGGGGH...
IT KINDA FEELS LIKE I'M PICKING ON HER.
GUILT...

LOOK... WHY DO YOU WANT TO RAISE A DRAGON ANYWAY?
WELL... I MEAN ...
HORO (PLIP)
HORO
BECAUSE ...
...THE STORK BROUGHT IT.
...
...AH. I SEE. IN OTHER WORDS...
...THE STORK BROUGHT IT, SO SHE WANTS TO THINK OF IT AS OUR CHILD AND RAISE IT.
BURU (TREMBLE)
BURU
BURU
GHK
COULD MY WIFE BE ANY CUTER!?

PEKAAA (GLEAM)
THANK YOU VERY MUCH...
WE CAN RAISE IT, BUT YOU DO THE WORK.
ALL RIGHT, LISTEN UP.
EGGS NEED TO BE WARMED ...
UH-HUH
...AND KEPT AT A PROPER TEMPERATURE EVERY DAY. THEY ALSO NEED TO BE TURNED REGULARLY.
TRY IT
OKAY!
IT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP THEM CLEAN TOO.
WHEN YOU TURN IT, WIPE IT DOWN WITH HOLY WATER...NOT LIKE THAT.
TSURA
TSURA (CAREFULLY)
I SAID, WHEN YOU TURN IT, DO IT SLOWLY AND GENTLY...
ARGH, ENOUGH! LET ME SEE THAT!
OAO (FRET)
Y-
YES!
THE TYPE WHO CAN'T LEAVE THINGS TO OTHER PEOPLE
HA (GASP)
HUH...? WHY AM I TAKING CARE OF IT?

UM...IF THE EGG IS TOO MUCH TROUBLE, I CAN TAKE IT FOR YOU.
I SAID I'D DO IT. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
SHUN (DROOP)
BESIDES ...
...HANDLING DRAGON EGGS ISN'T EASY FOR AMATEURS.
MY TEACHER TOLD ME...
CHU (KISS)
KOTSUN (TUNK)
コツン
..."TREAT DRAGON EGGS AS GENTLY AS A LOVER."
GYO (SHUDDER)
JEALOUSY
WHA—!? WHY THE FACE!? WHAT'S WRONG?

KO... KOYUKI-SAN?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HELLO?
PA (WHIEK)
DOSA (FWUM)
ムス..
MUSU (SULK)
RIGHT NOW, I AM AN EGG.
...I AM NOT KOYUKI.
I SEE. SO EGGS TALK, HUH?
SURU
SURU
SURU (TREMBLE)
I... I AM A TALKING EGG.
WHAT IS THIS PRECIOUS LITTLE CREATURE!?

WELL, THAT'S A PROBLEM.
I'VE ALREADY GOT AN EGG.
WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS EXTRA ONE?
ROAST IT AND EAT IT? BOIL IT AND EAT IT?
GAN (SHOCK)
STILL...
...IT WOULD BE A WASTE TO EAT SUCH A CUTE EGG.
PON (TAP)
BESIDES, IF I WARM IT GENTLY EVERY DAY...
SARA (RUSH)
...IT MIGHT GROW UP TO BE A BEAUTY.
BUT, YOU KNOW ...
FU (SHADE)
...THE SORT OF WIFE WHO'D TURN INTO AN EGG...

...JUST MIGHT GET EATEN RIGHT THIS MINUTE.
PISHI (SHOCK)
PYAAA (ZOOM)
I'M VERY SORRY FOR TEASING YOU!
PATATA (PATTER)
KAAA (BLUSH)
I CAN'T BELIEVE I SAID THAT.

IT'S THE WEIRD MAN WITH THE MASK.
WAA (CLAMOR)
IS THAT AN EGG?
WAA
LET ME SEE!
SHOW ME! SHOW ME!
WAA
GET LOST, BRATS! I'M NOT RUNNING A SIDESHOW HERE!
UGAA (GRAH)
UM
EXCUSE ME.
NOOO! SHOW MEEE!
NO FAIR!
I HEARD THERE WAS A MASKED MAN AROUND HERE WHO WOULD WATCH MY CHILD FOR ME.
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING TO ME?
KYA
KYA (SQUEAL)
PEN (TONK)
PEN
SHIN-SAN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
MY, MY!
"MASK" DAY CARE

YAY. YAY.
I CAN'T CALL MYSELF HIS WIFE THIS WAY..
TOBO (TRUDGE)
SIGH
TOBO
I WAS THE ONE WHO WANTED TO RAISE THE EGG, BUT I'VE LEFT IT ALL TO SHIN-SAN.
HOW ABOUT THAT!?
DO YOU MEAN IT!?
HM? THAT CROWD... IS THAT SHIN-SAN?
I'M SO GLAD I GOT TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT THIS TODAY.
IF ANYTHING ELSE COMES UP, JUST ASK ME.
SHIN-SAN'S GETTING GOOD AT CHILD-REARING FASTER THAN ME!
I'M NEXT!
IT'S SUCH A HELP HAVING SOMEONE AS GOOD AT RAISING CHILDREN AS YOU ARE AROUND, SHIN-SAN.
SHIN-SAN ME TOO

I'M SORRY. IF I HADN'T PUSHED THIS ONTO YOU...
GUTA (SLUMP)
I'M WORN OUT.
HE TREATED ME LIKE A KID AGAIN...
PON (TH!)
PON
NEVER MIND.
YOU JUST SIT TIGHT UNTIL THERE'S AN ACTUAL CHILD TO BRING UP.
HM?
ZU (SLURP)
UM, SHIN-SAN?
BUBA (SPLUT)
WHEN IS MY STORK GOING TO COME?

WHA... WHAT...
BA (FWIP)
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING !?
WHERE DID THAT COME FR...?
LISTEN.
KOTO (TUNK)
UH...

...ACTUALLY KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?
SU (SHUF)
DO YOU...
Y...
YES...
PISHI (KRIK)

KOYUKI! GO GET HAND TOWELS AND SOME HOT WATER!
Y- YES!
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PIKI
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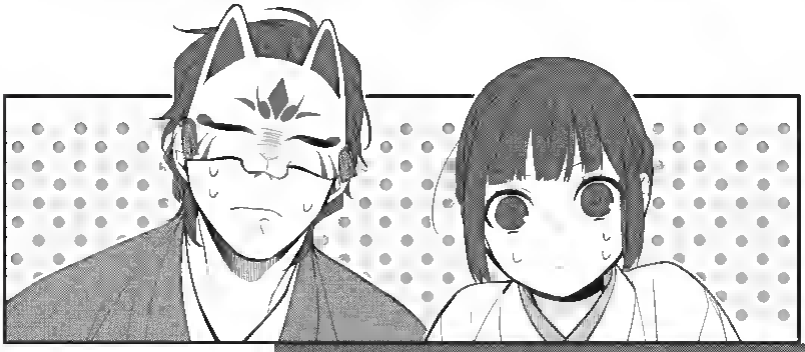
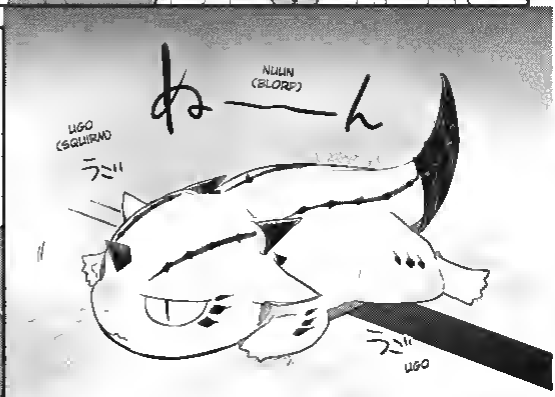
PIKI
OH NO! IT'S HATCHING !!



NO...
WHAT MEAN LITTLE EYES
NOT WHAT YOU THOUGHT IT WOULD BE, IS IT?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NUUN (BLORF)
UGO (SQUIRM)
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UGO

BUT...
PURUPURU (SHAKE)
...IT'S CUTE.
HEH.

"MAMA" IS A WESTERN WORD THAT MEANS...
PITO (TUP)
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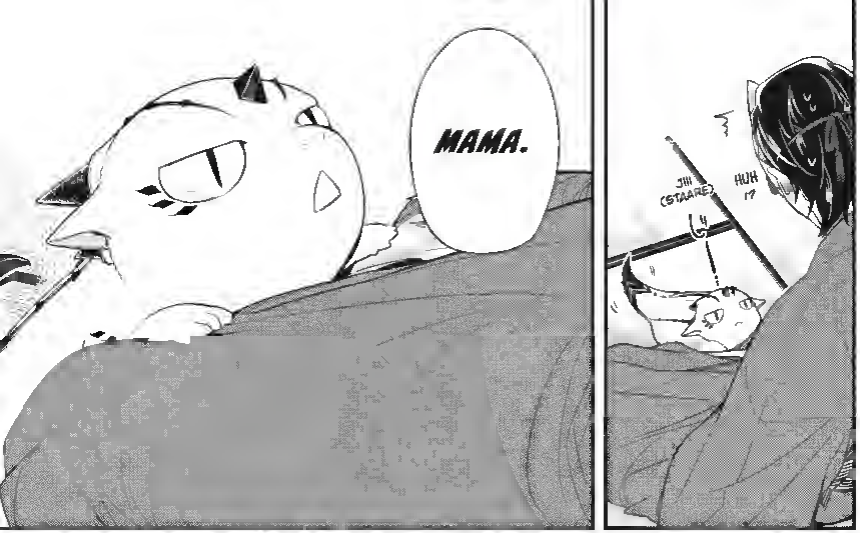
WHAT'S A MAMA?
IT'S CALLING YOU "MAMA."

MAMA.
OH, HEY.



COULD "MAMA" MEAN...?

I'M SORRY. PLEASE DON'T SAY IT.

AND SO, THEIR FAMILY INCREASED BY ONE.

TO BE CONTINUED!

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